

REMARKS

All of the prior claims are being canceled and new claims 21-40 are being added. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment.

It is believed that the proposed new claims clearly distinguish applicants' invention over the cited prior art of record.

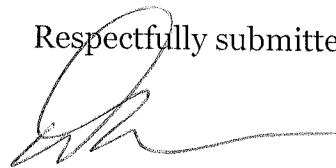
An IDS is being filed with this RCE that lists several prior art references that have recently come to applicants' attention.

Correspondence and Fees

Please charge the fee of \$1,640.00 for the Four Months Extension of Time and the fee of \$810.00 for the Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), totaling \$2,450.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-3839. No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account no. 03-3839 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

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